(8) Cancer Hospital and Research Institute, Gwalior.

(9) Cancer Institute, Madras.

(10) Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum.

(c) There is no proposal in this Ministry to set up advance cancer research centres in the country. However, there is a scheme for development of Oncology Wings in Government Medical Colleges/Hospitals in those areas of the country where at present cancer treatment facilities are not available.

Betwa Action Plan

4292. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state the time by which Betwa Action Plan of Madhya Pradesh, for which financial assistance has been sought from Japan is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): The Betwa Action Plan of Madhya Pradesh was proposed for Japanese financial assistance under the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) for the year 1991-92. The Japanese Government have, however, not agreed to provide OECF assistance for the project.

Orissa Social Forestry Proect

4293. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are funding and implementing Orissa Social Forestry Project with aid from Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA); and

(b) if so, the details of funds spent, targets given and achievements made in different district of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Beggars in Metropolitan Cities

4294. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beggars in four metropolitan cities;

(b) the schemes proposed by the Government to rehabilitate beggars; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The number of beggars is not known.

(b) At present there is no such proposal.

(c) Does not arise.

Land Distribution to Adivasi and Tribal People

4295. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received complaints from tribal and Adivasi people regarding distribution of land under forest conservation Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Pursuant to representations from various quarters about the need for regularisation of long standing encroachments of forest lands by tribals and adivasis for

subsistence, Central Government have issued guidelines to the State Governments to regularise such encroachments as they had, in accordance with some eligibility norm, decided to regularise prior to the enactment of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and implementation of which decision was prevented by the said Act coming into force.

Financial Assistance to Kerala for Strengthening Technical Education

4296. SHRI T. J. ANJALOSE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government have given any financial assistance to the State of Kerala to strengthen the quality of the technical education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the entire amount of assistance has been placed at the disposal of Kerala Government; and

(d) if not, by when the balance of financial assistance will be released?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The Central Government have provided financial assistance to technical institutions of Kerala State under various Central Schemes with a view to augment infrastructural facilities and strengthen the quality of technical education. A statement showing details of financial assistance provided is given below. Besides, the Central Government is assisting Kerala State in the implementation of its project for upgradation of polytechnic education with World Bank assistance, at an estimate cost of Rs. 35 crores during 1990-1997.

(c) Under the Direct Central Assistance Schemes, the entire amount is released directly to technical institutions. In respect of World Bank assisted project, the entire cost is initially provided in the State Plan and reimbursement claimed on the basis of actual expenditure incurred periodically.

(d) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

S. No.	*Scheme*	*No. of Technical Institutions supported*	*Amount released during 1985-86 to 1990-91 (Rs. in lakhs)*
1	Thrust areas of Technical Education	7	540.00
2	Modernisation & Removal of obsolescence in workshops/Laboratories.	17 (includes 10 Polytechnics)	760.00
3	Institutional network scheme	1	12.50
4	Development of Postgraduate courses. and Research work.	3	298.40
5	Research & Development scheme	1	22.00
		Total	1632.90